

## Message Text

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EXDIS HANDLE AS NODIS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS LE US  
SUBJ: LEBANESE ARMY SYMBOL ON M-16 RIFLES

REF: TEL AVIV 4689

1. REFTTEL DESCRIPTION OF INSIGNIA ON M-16 RIFLE  
ACCURATELY DESCRIBES SYMBOL STAMPED ON LEFT SIDE OF  
MAGAZINE WELL BY LEBANESE ARMY ON RIFLES PURCHASED  
PRIOR TO CIVIL WAR.
2. WE HAVE SIMILAR WEAPON. LEBANESE ARMY SYMBOL  
IS LOCATED DIRECTLY ABOVE SERIAL NUMBER ON LEFT SIDE  
OF MAGAZINE WELL, CENTERED ON FLAT PORTION THEREOF  
ONE AND ONE-HALF INCHES ABOVE MAGAZINE WELL OPENING.
3. OUR ESTIMATE IS THAT THOUSANDS OF LEBANESE ARMY  
M-16S WERE STOLEN DURING CIVIL WAR, AND ARE NOW  
APPEARING IN MANY QUARTERS.  
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